

Troopers Arrest New Castle Man for Aggravated Menacing- New Castle

New Castle (19720)- The Delaware State Police have arrested a New Castle, DE man for aggravated menacing after he threatened juveniles with a knife.

The incident occurred on August 17, 2019 at approximately 5:07 p.m., when a Trooper was approached by a subject, 49-year-old **John C. McDaniels** of New Castle, in the Crossroads Shopping Center, located at 2062 New Castle Avenue, New Castle. McDaniels reported that he was shot with a pellet or bb style gun by several male juveniles who were riding bicycles.

A 14-year-old male had also approached the Trooper at the scene and stated that he and four other male juveniles were riding bicycles in the area of New Castle Avenue and the ramp from northbound I-295, when they crossed paths with McDaniels and a verbal altercation ensued.

Through further investigations it was learned that McDaniels was the aggressor and had displayed a knife in a threatening manner towards the juveniles. Two of the juveniles subsequently proceeded to obtain bb or pellet style gun that was in their possession and shot McDaniels several times. McDaniels sustained minor injuries. The juveniles did not sustain injuries.

McDaniels was taken into custody without incident and found in possession of a knife and .30 grams of Methamphetamine. He was transported back to Troop 2 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony

- Aggravated Menacing
- Terroristic Threatening
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Disorderly Conduct

McDaniels was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Facility on \$23,000.00 secured bond.

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